

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Michael Dyer Agent- Sutro Tunnel Company 496 West Ann Street P.O. Box 2426 Carson City , Nevada 89702

Re: Carson River Mercury Site, BCB Property, Lyon County, Nevada

Dear Mr. Dyer:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby issues written notice that you are a potentially responsible party under Section 107 of the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq., ("CERCLA"). EPA has determined that there may be an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment because of the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances from the Carson River Mercury Site, BCB Property, Lyon County, Nevada.

The enclosed Order is issued by the EPA, pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606, to prevent or mitigate immediate and significant risk of harm to human health or the environment. The Order requires you to take immediate actions to contain and prevent the releases or potential releases of hazardous substances from the Site. Please note that you must orally inform EPA as to whether or not you will comply with the enclosed Order within 2 calendar days of the effective date of this Order. Failure to respond within 2 calendar days of the effective date will be construed as a refusal to comply.

If you have any questions or concerns about this Order, Please contact Robert Mandel for technical concerns at (415) 744-2290 or Charles McKinley for legal concerns at (415) 744-1317.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zelikson, Director

Hazardous Waste Management Division